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ABSTRACT

To obtain a demographic description of University of Texas at Austin (U.T. Austin) transfer students, to investigate transfer students' evaluations of the university and of their previous college, and to compare transfer students with non-transfer undergraduate students, 1,365 responses to a questionnaire were analyzed. The survey explored student background, both familial and academic; reasons for entering and transfering colleges; characteristics of previously attended college; comparison of previous college with the U.T. Austin; grades; and major choice. Among findings were that most respondents graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class, that the majority made the decision to enter college in elementary school, that 22 percent had attended two institutions prior to U.T. Austin, and that reasons most often given for previous choice of college were expenses and proximity to home. Other findings showed that 80 percent had previously attended school in Texas; most respondents chose U.T. Austin because of its general academic reputation, special strength in intended major field, and a general impression of campus and students; and 72 percent listed family as their main source of financial support while at school. The transfer student questionnaire is appended. (PHR)

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The results contained in this report were obtained from a questionnaire survey conducted in December, 1973, by the Measurement and Evaluation Center, The University of Texas at Austin. The questionnaire survey was part of the first phase of a longitudinal study of undergraduate transfer students entering the University in the fall of 1973. The purposes of the over-all study are to obtain a demographic description of U.T. Austin transfer students, to investigate transfer students' evaluations of U.T. Austin and of their previous colleges, and to compare transfer students with the non-transfer undergraduate students.

A copy of the transfer student questionnaire was mailed to all Fall 1973 entering undergraduate transfer students in December, 1973. Approximately 5,000 questionnaires were mailed; 1,365 were returned. No follow-up has been made to obtain additional responses.

The body of this report consists of tables showing the numbers and percentages of responses received to each of the questions on the transfer questionnaire. A copy of the transfer student questionnaire is attached as an appendix at the end of the report.

This is the first in a series of reports on the results of this study. Further analyses of these data, along with analyses of other data concerning transfer students at U.T. Austin, will follow in future reports.

Table 1

Father's Education (Highest Level Attained): Item 3

Response	Number	%
1. Grammar school (1-8 years)	113	8.3
2. High school (9-12 years)	380	28.0
3. College (1-4 years)	308	22.7
4. College (bachelor's degree)	283	20.9
5. College (in addition to bachelor's degree)	271	20.0
Total	1355	99.9*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 2

Mother's Education (Highest Level Attained): Item 4

Response	Number	%
1. Grammar school (1-8 years)	90	6.6
2. High school (9-12 years)	535	39.5
3. College (1-4 years)	393	29.0
4. College (bachelor's degree)	203	15.0
5. College (in addition to bachelor's degree)	135	10.0
Total	1356	100.1*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 3

State in which High School from which Graduated is Located: Item 5

Response	Number	%
Texas	1045	82.1
Out-of-state	218	17.1
GED	10	0.8
Total	1273	100.0

Table 4

Year Graduated from High School: Item 6

Response	Number	%
Prior to 1940	4	0.3
1940-1949	8	0.6
1950-1959	16	1.2
1960	9	0.7
1961	6	0.4
1962	7	0.5
1963	6	0.4
1964	16	1.2
1965	40	3.0
1966	37	2.8
1967	44	3.3
1968	39	2.9
1969	57	4.2
1970	127	9.5
1971	499	37.2
1972	414	30.8
1973	14	1.0
Total	1343	100.0

Table 5

Approximate Rank in High School Graduation Class: Item 7

Response		Number	%
1. Top 10%	} Top quarter of class	484	36.2
2. Next 15%		387	28.9
3. Second quarter of class		317	23.7
4. Third quarter of class		110	8.2
5. Bottom quarter of class		39	2.9
Total		1337	99.9*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 6

Approximate Size of High School Graduation Class: Item 8

Response	Number	%
1. 50 or under	104	7.7
2. 51-100	118	8.7
3. 101-300	272	20.1
4. 301-500	332	24.5
5. Over 500	528	39.0
Total	1354	100.0

Table 7

Time between High School Graduation and First Enrollment in College: Item 9

Response	Number	%
1. 0-1 months	190	14.0
2. 2-4 months	1040	76.5
3. 5-8 months	35	2.6
4. 9-15 months	31	2.3
5. 16 months or more	64	4.7
Total	1360	100.1*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 8

Date First Entered College: Item 10

Year	Spring	Summer	Fall	Term not Indicated	Total	
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	%
Prior to 1940			3		3	0.2
1940-1949	2		3		5	0.4
1950-1959	1		9	1	11	0.8
1960			6	1	7	0.5
1961		1	2	1	4	0.3
1962			8		8	0.6
1963		1	5		6	0.4
1964			11		11	0.8
1965		3	32		35	2.6
1966	2	3	25		30	2.2
1967	2	7	26		35	2.6
1968	3	2	23		28	2.1
1969	6	7	37		50	3.7
1970	6	11	109		126	9.4
1971	14	48	457	2	521	38.8
1972	25	67	342		434	32.3
1973	14	2	12		28	2.1
Total	75	152	1110	5	1342	99.8*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 9

When was your Decision Made to Enter College? Item 11

Response	Number	%
1. Grade school	703	52.1
2. 9th grade	222	16.4
3. 10th grade	101	7.5
4. 11th grade	111	8.2
5. 12th grade	113	8.4
6. After high school graduation	100	7.4
Total	1350	100.0

Table 10

What Factor Most Influenced your Decision to Go to College? Item 12

Response	Number	%
1. Desired a higher paying position through the college diploma.	321	24.0
2. Wanted to enter a professional field (i.e., teaching, medicine, law, engineering, etc.) which required higher education.	499	37.3
3. Were influenced to attend college because your friends were going to college.	37	2.8
4. Were strongly encouraged by parents and/or friends to attend college.	284	21.2
5. Were not sure of what you wanted to do after high school.	85	6.4
6. Other.	112	8.4
Total	1338	100.1*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 11

Number of Colleges or Universities Attended prior to U.T. Austin: Item 13

Response	Number	%
1. One	955	70.6
2. Two	297	22.0
3. Three	83	6.1
4. Four (or more)	18	1.3
Total	1353	100.0

Table 12

Number of Semesters Enrolled at All Colleges and Universities before Attending U.T. Austin (Not including Summers): Item 14

Response	Number	%
1. One or less	22	1.6
2. Two	422	31.4
3. Three	78	5.8
4. Four	532	39.5
5. Five	75	5.6
6. Six	103	7.7
7. Seven	18	1.3
8. Eight or more	96	7.1
Total	1346	100.0

Table 13

Last College Attended prior to U.T. Austin
(Junior Colleges): Item 15

Response	Number	%
Central Texas	18	3.8
Dallas (Eastfield)	36	7.6
Dallas (Mt. Vernon)	13	2.7
Dallas (Richland)	11	2.3
Del Mar	40	8.5
Kilgore	18	3.8
Lee	14	3.0
San Antonio	98	20.7
Tarrant County	14	3.0
Tyler	25	5.3
Victoria	15	3.2
Other Texas junior colleges	160	33.8
Out-of-state junior colleges	11	2.3
Total	473	100.0

Table 14

Last College Attended prior to U.T. Austin
(Senior Colleges): Item 15

Response	Number	%
1. Lamar	16	1.9
2. North Texas State	31	3.6
3. Pan American	15	1.8
4. Sam Houston State	15	1.8
5. Southwest Texas State	57	6.7
6. Stephen F. Austin	29	3.4
7. Texas A&I	12	1.4
8. Texas A&M	16	1.9
9. Texas Tech	48	5.6
10. UT Arlington	36	4.2
11. UT El Paso	32	3.7
12. University of Houston	49	5.7
13. Austin College	10	1.2
14. St. Edward's	12	1.4
15. Southern Methodist	32	3.7
16. Texas Christian	20	2.3
17. Trinity	20	2.3
18. Rice	10	1.2
19. Other Texas senior colleges	120	14.0
20. Out-of-state senior colleges	277	32.3
Total	857	100.1*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 15
What Factors Most Influenced your Choice of the Last College You Attended Prior to U.T. Austin? (Mark as Many as Apply): Item 16

Response	Number	% of 1365
1. Inexpensive	629	46.1
2. Close to home	772	56.6
3. Friends were to attend here	302	22.1
4. General academic reputation	409	30.0
5. Special strength in intended major field	184	13.5
6. Good scholarship offer	129	9.5
7. General impression of campus and students	315	23.1
8. Religious affiliation	41	3.0
9. Family attended	99	7.3
10. Other	234	17.1

Table 16
Describe your Entrance to your Last College Prior to U.T. Austin: Item 17

Response	Number	%
1. Entered previous college directly from high school.	962	71.2
2. Entered previous college by transfer from another college or university.	238	17.6
3. Delayed entrance primarily due to working.	55	4.1
4. Delayed entrance primarily due to marriage.	14	1.0
5. Delayed entrance primarily due to military service.	52	3.8
6. Delayed entrance primarily due to the following special reason not listed above.	30	2.2
Total	1351	99.9*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 17
What was your Main Type of Housing while Attending Your Last College prior to U.T. Austin? Item 18

Response	Number	%
1. University residence hall	465	34.4
2. Private residence hall	10	0.7
3. University apartment	3	0.2
4. Private apartment	167	12.4
5. University cooperative	2	0.1
6. Private cooperative	4	0.3
7. With parents	560	41.5
8. Fraternity/sorority house	15	1.1
9. Rooming house	9	0.7
10. Own or rented home	82	6.1
11. Mobile home	10	0.7
12. Other	24	1.8
Total	1351	100.0

Table 18

Indicate the Approximate Number of Students Enrolled at the Last College Attended prior to U.T. Austin: Item 19

Response	Number	%
1. Under 1000	108	8.0
2. 1001-5000	497	37.0
3. 5001-10,000	261	19.4
4. Over 10,000	476	35.5
Total	1342	99.9*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 19

Describe the College Last Attended prior to U.T. Austin: Item 20

Response	Number	%
1. Public junior college	488	35.9
2. Private junior college	20	1.5
3. 4-year public college	549	40.3
4. 4-year private college	268	19.7
5. Other	36	2.6
Total	1361	100.0

Table 20

Was the College You Last Attended prior to U.T. Austin...? Item 21

Response	Number	%
1. In state	1091	80.3
2. Out-of-state	268	19.7
Total	1359	100.0

Table 21

Cumulative Grade-point Average at the College Last Attended prior to U.T. Austin (on a 4-point scale): Item 22

Response	Number	%
1. No GPA	17	1.3
2. Below 2.00	15	1.1
3. 2.00-2.49	137	10.1
4. 2.50-2.99	384	28.3
5. 3.00-3.49	488	36.0
6. 3.50-4.00	314	23.2
Total	1355	100.0

Table 22

Rate the Information You Received at Your Previous College concerning U.T. Austin: Item 23

	Very Poor				Excellent	Total	Mean	SD
	1	2	3	4	5			
Number	211	180	380	279	147	1197	2.98	1.26
%	17.6%	15.0%	31.7%	23.3%	12.3%	99.9%*		

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 23

How Fair is your Previous College Grade-point Average as a Reflection of your Academic Work? Item 24

	Very Unfair				Very Fair	Total	Mean	SD
	1	2	3	4	5			
Number	40	135	308	404	399	1286	3.77	1.09
%	3.1%	10.5%	24.0%	31.4%	31.0%	100.0%		

Table 24

Rate your Transition to the University of Texas at Austin: Item 25

	Difficult				Easy	Total	Mean	SD
	1	2	3	4	5			
Number	144	239	331	326	258	1298	3.24	1.27
%	11.1%	18.4%	25.5%	25.1%	19.9%	100.0%		

Table 25

When was your Decision Made to Enter U.T. Austin? Item 26

Response	Number	%
1. Grade school	47	3.6
2. 9th or 10th grade	48	3.7
3. 11th or 12th grade	119	9.1
4. First year college	397	30.4
5. Second year college	407	31.1
6. Other	290	22.2
Total	1308	100.1*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 26

What Factors Most Influenced your Choice of U.T. Austin? (Mark as Many as Apply): Item 27

Response	Number	% of 1365
1. Inexpensive	398	29.2
2. Close to home	319	23.4
3. Friends attending here	443	32.5
4. General academic reputation	871	63.8
5. Special strength in intended major field	691	50.6
6. Good scholarship offer	52	3.8
7. General impression of campus and students	552	40.4
8. Family attended	142	10.4
9. Other	204	14.9

Table 27

Describe your Entrance to U.T. Austin: Item 28

Response	Number	%
1. Entered U.T. Austin directly from another college or university.	1112	82.2
2. Delayed entrance to U.T. Austin after attending previous college, primarily due to working.	118	8.7
3. Delayed entrance to U.T. Austin after attending previous college, primarily due to marriage.	19	1.4
4. Delayed entrance to U.T. Austin after attending previous college, primarily due to military service.	50	3.7
5. Delayed entrance to U.T. Austin after attending previous college, primarily due to the following special reason not listed above.	53	3.9
Total	1352	99.9*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 28

Time between Leaving Last College prior to U.T. Austin and Entry into U.T. Austin: Item 29

Response	Number	%
1. 0-1 months	201	14.7
2. 2-4 months	960	70.4
3. 5-8 months	41	3.0
4. 9-15 months	60	4.4
5. 16 or more months	101	7.4
Total	1363	99.9*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 29

Number your Main Sources of Support while Attending U.T. Austin
(Use "1" for Most Important; "2" for Next Most Important; "3" for Next, etc.): Item 30

Response / Rank	Family		Employment		Scholarship Or Grant		Loan		Own Savings		Other	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
1	771	72.8	160	27.6	64	29.6	114	46.0	187	24.1	130	71.8
2	150	14.2	215	37.1	70	32.4	58	23.4	385	49.7	31	17.1
3	88	8.3	172	29.7	38	17.6	35	14.1	159	20.5	12	6.6
4	25	2.4	23	4.0	17	7.9	22	8.9	32	4.1	1	0.6
5	12	1.1	3	0.5	21	9.7	15	6.0	8	1.0	1	0.6
6	3	0.3	2	0.3	5	2.3	3	1.2	0	0.0	2	1.1
Not ranked	10	0.9	5	0.9	1	0.5	1	0.4	4	0.5	4	2.2
Total	1059	100.0	580	100.1*	216	100.0	248	100.0	775	99.9*	181	100.0

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Table 30

How Many Courses from your Previous College Work Were not Accepted for Transfer to U.T. Austin? Item 31

Response	Number	%
1. All courses were accepted	747	56.3
2. 1-3 courses were not accepted	450	33.9
3. 4-6 courses were not accepted	80	6.0
4. 7-9 courses were not accepted	23	1.7
5. 10 or more courses were not accepted	26	2.0
Total	1326	99.9*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 31

What GPA do you Expect to Earn at U.T. Austin (On a 4-point Scale)? Item 32

Response	Number	%
1. Below 2.00	19	1.4
2. 2.00-2.49	127	9.5
3. 2.50-2.99	338	25.3
4. 3.00-3.49	643	48.1
5. 3.50-4.00	211	15.8
Total	1338	100.1*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 32

How Effective are the Study Techniques which You Used at your Previous College in Coping with your Studies at U.T. Austin? Item 33

	Very Ineffective				Very Effective	Total	Mean	SD
	1	2	3	4	5			
Number	188	245	345	305	214	1297	3.09	1.29
%	14.5	18.9	26.6	23.5	16.5	100.0		

Table 32

Rate the Difficulty of Coping with Each of the Following Aspects of your Studies at U.T. Austin as Compared With your Previous College, Using the Boxes to the Right of Each Item. Mark Only One Box per Item.

Item \ Response		Much more difficult at U.T. Austin				Much easier at U.T. Austin	Total	Mean	SD
		1	2	3	4	5			
34. Quantity of reading assignments	No.	333	437	451	81	41	1343	2.30	1.01
	%	24.8%	32.5%	33.6%	6.0%	3.1%	100.0%		
35. Depth of comprehension expected from reading assignments	No.	206	450	565	86	37	1344	2.48	.92
	%	15.3%	33.5%	42.0%	6.4%	2.8%	100.0%		
36. Independence and responsibility expected in pacing and completion of study assignments	No.	175	383	614	110	59	1341	2.62	.96
	%	13.0%	28.6%	45.8%	8.2%	4.4%	100.0%		
37. Self-assertion and interaction with instructor and/or other students	No.	372	363	427	122	54	1338	2.35	1.10
	%	27.8%	27.1%	31.9%	9.1%	4.0%	99.9%*		
38. Exams	No.	257	448	523	80	27	1335	2.38	.93
	%	19.3%	33.6%	39.2%	6.0%	2.0%	100.1%*		
39. Written reports and term papers	No.	136	302	662	128	54	1282	2.74	.93
	%	10.6%	23.6%	51.6%	10.0%	4.2%	100.0%		
40. Time scheduling, organization, and concentration	No.	302	443	456	98	38	1337	2.35	1.00
	%	22.6%	33.1%	34.1%	7.3%	2.8%	99.9%*		

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 34

Did You Take College Course Work in Each of the Following Areas Prior to U.T. Austin?

Rate how Well Prepared You Feel to Handle Work in Each Area Here at U.T. Austin, Using the Boxes Below.

Item	Response	Yes	No	Total	Area		Very Unprepared 1	2	3	4	Well Prepared 5	Total	Mean	SD
41.	No.	1277	63	1340	English	No.	35	63	236	284	385	1003	3.92	1.09
	%	95.3%	4.7%	100.0%		%	3.5%	6.3%	23.5%	28.3%	38.4%	100.0%		
42.	No.	1040	276	1316	Math	No.	136	179	339	307	287	1248	3.35	1.28
	%	79.0%	21.0%	100.0%		%	10.9%	14.3%	27.2%	24.6%	23.0%	100.0%		
43.	No.	1166	143	1309	Social Sciences	No.	55	77	376	412	328	1248	3.71	1.06
	%	89.1%	10.9%	100.0%		%	4.4%	6.2%	30.1%	33.0%	26.3%	100.0%		
44.	No.	1101	197	1298	Natural Sciences	No.	65	164	393	339	272	1233	3.48	1.13
	%	84.8%	15.2%	100.0%		%	5.3%	13.3%	31.9%	27.5%	22.1%	100.1%*		
45.	No.	529	650	1179	Languages	No.	263	162	260	159	191	1035	2.86	1.43
	%	44.9%	55.1%	100.0%		%	25.4%	15.7%	25.1%	15.4%	18.5%	100.1%*		
46.	No.	629	558	1187	Fine Arts	No.	156	121	324	210	201	1012	3.18	1.31
	%	53.0%	47.0%	100.0%		%	15.4%	12.0%	32.0%	20.8%	19.9%	100.1%*		
47.	No.	230	872	1102	Technologies	No.	279	145	276	86	75	861	2.46	1.27
	%	20.9%	79.1%	100.0%		%	32.4%	16.8%	32.1%	10.0%	8.7%	100.0%		

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Table 35

The Following is a List of Problems which Students Often Face while Attending U.T. Austin. Indicate the Degree to which the Problem is of Concern to You, Using the Boxes to the Right of Each Item. Mark Only One Box per Item.

Item \ Response		Not a problem 1	2	3	4	A very important concern 5	Total	Mean	SD
48. Low grades, lack of concentration, "freezing up" on exams, etc.	No.	359	246	264	279	189	1337	2.77	1.41
	%	26.9	18.4	19.7	20.9	14.1	100.0		
49. Low academic stimulation--boring subject matter, dull classes, etc.	No.	331	306	330	240	150	1357	2.69	1.31
	%	24.4	22.5	24.3	17.7	11.1	100.0		
50. Inadequate assistance and impersonal treatment from university faculty and staff.	No.	296	281	339	250	191	1357	2.82	1.34
	%	21.8	20.7	25.0	18.4	14.1	100.0		
51. Difficulty in adjusting to the size of U.T. Austin and life in the Austin community.	No.	603	234	234	159	128	1358	2.25	1.37
	%	44.4	17.2	17.2	11.7	9.4	99.9*		
52. Social isolation--unsatisfactory social life, loneliness, etc.	No.	586	244	222	185	119	1356	2.27	1.36
	%	43.2	18.0	16.4	13.6	8.8	100.0		
53. Career uncertainty.	No.	542	202	216	189	207	1356	2.50	1.50
	%	40.0	14.9	15.9	13.9	15.3	100.0		
54. Marital-engagement problems.	No.	1012	103	119	62	48	1344	1.54	1.06
	%	75.3	7.7	8.9	4.6	3.6	100.1*		
55. Employment-financial problems.	No.	481	203	231	228	213	1356	2.62	1.49
	%	35.5	15.0	17.0	16.8	15.7	100.0		
56. Social activities and other interests taking too much time.	No.	635	287	222	129	71	1344	2.04	1.22
	%	47.2	21.4	16.5	9.6	5.3	100.0		

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 36

Rate Each of the Following Items Using the Boxes to the Right of Each Item. Mark Only One Box per Item.

Item \ Response		Very Poor 1	2	3	4	Excellent 5	Total	Mean	SD
57. The quality of instruction at U.T. Austin	No.	40	100	353	555	281	1329	3.71	.98
	%	3.0	7.5	26.6	41.8	21.1	100.0		
58. Academic advising at U.T. Austin	No.	218	279	437	279	128	1341	2.87	1.20
	%	16.3	20.8	32.6	20.8	9.5	100.0		
59. Faculty attitudes toward questions asked by students at U.T. Austin	No.	66	150	488	456	197	1357	3.42	1.02
	%	4.9	11.1	36.0	33.6	14.5	100.1*		
60. Faculty attitudes toward requests for conferences at U.T. Austin	No.	42	82	582	395	180	1281	3.46	.93
	%	3.3	6.4	45.4	30.8	14.1	100.0		
61. The quality of your friendships and social life at U.T. Austin	No.	83	165	385	435	282	1350	3.50	1.13
	%	6.1	12.2	28.5	32.2	20.9	99.9*		
62. Extracurricular activities at U.T. Austin	No.	144	162	392	350	276	1324	3.34	1.24
	%	10.9	12.2	29.6	26.4	20.8	99.9*		
63. Personal counseling at U.T. Austin	No.	150	221	549	224	103	1247	2.93	1.08
	%	12.0	17.7	44.0	18.0	8.3	100.0		

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 37

How Fair is your Grade-point at U.T. Austin
As a Reflection of your Work? Item 64.

	Very Unfair				Very Fair	Total	Mean	SD
	1	2	3	4	5			
Number	80	235	386	401	203	1305	3.32	1.12
%	6.1%	18.0%	29.6%	30.7%	15.6%	100.0%		

Table 38

How Do You Feel that You Compare with
Other Transfer Students Attending U.T. Austin? Item 65

	Not as Prepared				Better Prepared	Total	Mean	SD
	1	2	3	4	5			
Number	36	106	576	425	167	1310	3.44	.91
%	2.7%	8.1%	44.0%	32.4%	12.7%	99.9%*		

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

Table 39

How Do You Feel that You Compare with Students
Who Entered U.T. Austin as a Freshman? Item 66

	Not as Prepared				Better Prepared	Total	Mean	SD
	1	2	3	4	5			
Number	72	147	257	372	469	1317	3.77	1.20
%	5.5%	11.2%	19.5%	28.2%	35.6%	100.0%		

Table 40

How Sure are You of your Choice of Major? Item 67

	Very Unsure				Very Sure	Total	Mean	SD
	1	2	3	4	5			
Number	102	156	150	301	621	1330	3.89	1.32
%	7.7%	11.7%	11.3%	22.6%	46.7%	100.0%		

Table 41

How Sure Are You that U.T. Austin is the Place for You? Item 68

	Very Unsure				Very Sure	Total	Mean	SD
	1	2	3	4	5			
Number	102	120	253	388	464	1327	3.75	1.24
%	7.7%	9.0%	19.1%	29.2%	35.0%	100.0%		

Table 42

If You were Beginning Again, Which of the Following Would You Do? Item 69

Response	Number	%
1. Come to U.T. Austin first	495	37.7
2. Go to another college first, then transfer to U.T. Austin later	684	52.1
3. Not come to U.T. Austin at all	135	10.3
Total	1314	100.1*

*This figure varies from 100.0% only because of rounding error.

APPENDIX

The University of Texas at Austin

TRANSFER STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name _____

2. Social Security Number _____-___-_____

3. Father's education -- (mark highest level attained)
   _____1. Grammar school (1-8 years)
   _____2. High school (9-12 years)
   _____3. College (1-4 years)
   _____4. College (Bachelor's degree)
   _____5. College (in addition to Bachelor's degree)

4. Mother's education -- (mark highest level attained)
   _____1. Grammar school (1-8 years)
   _____2. High school (9-12 years)
   _____3. College (1-4 years)
   _____4. College (Bachelor's degree)
   _____5. College (in addition to Bachelor's degree)

5. High School graduated from: _____

6. Year graduated from high school: 19__

7. Approximate rank in high school graduation class:
   _____1. Top 10%
   _____2. Next 15% Top Quarter of class
   _____3. Second Quarter of class
   _____4. Third Quarter of class
   _____5. Bottom Quarter of class

8. Approximate size of high school graduation class
   _____1. 50 or under
   _____2. 51-100
   _____3. 101-300
   _____4. 301-500
   _____5. over 500

9. Time between high school graduation and first enrollment in college
   _____1. 0-1 month
   _____2. 2-4 months
   _____3. 5-8 months
   _____4. 9-15 months
   _____5. 16 months or more

10. Date first entered college
    _____1. Fall
    _____2. Spring Year
    _____3. Summer 19__

11. When was your decision made to enter college?
    _____1. Grade school
    _____2. 9th grade
    _____3. 10th grade
    _____4. 11th grade
    _____5. 12th grade
    _____6. After high school graduation

12. What factor most influenced your decision to go to college?
    _____1. Desired a higher paying business position through the college diploma.
    _____2. Wanted to enter a professional field (i.e., teaching, medicine, law, engineering, etc.) which required higher education.
    _____3. Were influenced to attend college because your friends were going to college.
    _____4. Were strongly encouraged by parents and/or friends to attend college.
    _____5. Were not sure of what you wanted to do after high school.
    _____6. Other. Please specify:_____

13. Number of colleges or universities attended prior to U.T. Austin.

    1 2 3 4(or more)

14. Number of semesters enrolled at all colleges and universities before attending U.T. Austin (not including summers).

    1 or less 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 or more

15. Last college attended prior to U.T. Austin:_____

16. What factors most influenced your choice of the last college you attended prior to U.T. Austin (Mark as many as apply).
    _____Inexpensive
    _____Close to home
    _____Friends were to attend here
    _____General academic reputation
    _____Special strength in intended major field
    _____Good scholarship offer
    _____General impression of campus and students
    _____Religious affiliation
    _____Family attended
    _____Other. Please specify:_____

17. Describe your entrance to your last college prior to U.T. Austin (mark only one).
    _____1. Entered previous college directly from high school.
    _____2. Entered previous college by transfer from another college or university.
    _____3. Delayed entrance primarily due to working.
    _____4. Delayed entrance primarily due to marriage.
    _____5. Delayed entrance primarily due to military service.
    _____6. Delayed entrance primarily due to the following special reason not listed above:_____

18. What was your main type of housing while attending your last college prior to U.T. Austin?
_____1. University residence hall
_____2. Private residence hall
_____3. University apartment
_____4. Private apartment
_____5. University cooperative
_____6. Private cooperative
_____7. With parents
_____8. Fraternity/sorority house
_____9. Rooming house
____10. Own or rented home
____11. Mobile home
____12. Other. Please specify:_____

19. Indicate the approximate number of students enrolled at the last college attended prior to U.T. Austin:
_____1. under 1000
_____2. 1001-5000
_____3. 5001-10,000
_____4. Over 10,000

20. Describe the college last attended prior to U.T. Austin.
_____1. Public junior college
_____2. Private junior college
_____3. 4-year public college
_____4. 4-year private college
_____5. Other. Please specify: _____

21. Was the college you last attended prior to U.T. Austin:
_____1. in state
_____2. out of state

22. Cumulative Grade Point Average at the college last attended prior to U.T. Austin (on a 4-point scale).
_____1. no GPA
_____2. below 2.00
_____3. 2.00 - 2.49
_____4. 2.50 - 2.99
_____5. 3.00 - 3.49
_____6. 3.50 - 4.00

23. Rate the information you received at your previous college concerning U.T. Austin. (Circle one number).
Very Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent

24. How fair is your previous college gradepoint average as a reflection of your academic work? (Circle one number).
Very unfair 1 2 3 4 5 Very fair

25. Rate your transition to the University of Texas at Austin. (Circle one number)
Difficult 1 2 3 4 5 Easy

32. What GPA do you expect to earn at U.T. Austin (on a 4-point scale)?

_____1. below 2.00
_____2. 2.00 - 2.49
_____3. 2.50 - 2.99
_____4. 3.00 - 3.49
_____5. 3.50 - 4.00

33. How effective are the study techniques which you used at your previous college in coping with your studies at U.T. Austin? (Circle one number)

Very Ineffective 1 2 3 4 5 Very Effective

Rate the difficulty of coping with each of the following aspects of your studies at U.T. Austin as compared with your previous college, using the boxes to the right of each item. Mark only one box per item.

	Much more difficult at U.T. Austin 1	2	3	4	Much easier at U.T. Austin 5
34. Quantity of reading assignments					
35. Depth of comprehension expected from reading assignments.					
36. Independence and responsibility expected in pacing and completion of study assignments.					
37. Self-assertion and interaction with instructor and/or other students.					
38. Exams					
39. Written reports and term papers.					
40. Time scheduling, organization, and concentration.					

Did you take college course work in each of the following areas prior to U.T. Austin?

Rate how well prepared you feel to handle work in each area here at U.T. Austin, using the boxes below:

	Yes	No		Very Unprepared 1	2	3	4	5 Well Prepared
41.			.....English.....					
42.			.....Math.....					
43.			.....Social Sciences.....					
44.			.....Natural Sciences....					
45.			.....Languages.....					
46.			.....Fine Arts.....					
47.			.....Technologies.....					

The following is a list of problems which students often face while attending U.T. Austin. Indicate the degree to which the problem is of concern to you, using the boxes to the right of each item. Mark only one box per item.

	Not a problem				A very important concern
	1	2	3	4	5
48. Low grades, lack of concentration, "freezing up" on exams, etc.					
49. Low academic stimulation--boring subject matter, dull classes, etc.					
50. Inadequate assistance and impersonal treatment from university staff and faculty.					
51. Difficulty in adjusting to the size of U.T. Austin and life in the Austin community.					
52. Social isolation--unsatisfactory social life, loneliness, etc.					
53. Career uncertainty.					
54. Marital-engagement problems.					
55. Employment--financial problems.					
56. Social activities and other interests taking too much time.					

Rate each of the following items using the boxes to the right of each item. Mark only one box per item.

	Very poor				Excellent
	1	2	3	4	5
57. The quality of instruction at U.T. Austin					
58. Academic advising at U.T. Austin					
59. Faculty attitudes toward questions asked by students at U.T. Austin					
60. Faculty attitudes toward requests for conferences at U.T. Austin					
61. The quality of your friendships and social life at U.T. Austin					
62. Extracurricular activities at U.T. Austin					
63. Personal counseling at U.T. Austin					

64. How fair is your gradepoint at U.T. Austin as a reflection of your work?

Very unfair 1 2 3 4 5 Very fair

65. How do you feel that your compare with other transfer students attending U.T. Austin?

Not as prepared 1 2 3 4 5 Better prepared

66. How do you feel that you compare with students who entered U.T. Austin as freshmen?

Not as prepared 1 2 3 4 5 Better prepared

67. How sure are you of your choice of major?

Very unsure 1 2 3 4 5 Very sure

68. How sure are you that U.T. Austin is the place for you?

Very unsure 1 2 3 4 5 Very sure

69. If you were beginning again, which of the following would you do?

_____1. Come to U.T. Austin first
_____2. Go to another college first, then transfer to U.T. Austin later
_____3. Not come to U.T. Austin at all

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